

-- REMARKS --

Claims 1-19 are currently pending in this application. Claims 13-19 were allowed, and claims 1-12 were rejected under section 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 4,683,992 to Watanabe. While Applicants do not concede the propriety of this rejection, the claims have been amended to expedite the prosecution of this case. In particular, independent claims 1 and 6 now recite that the body portion has a fluid path therethrough, which the reference neither shows nor suggests.

This application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested, and the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney to discuss any remaining matters.


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